

three shaft-type power input/output means having three shafts, including the output shaft and the rotating shaft, respectively linking said engine and said drive shaft, said three shaft-type power input/output means inputting and outputting power to and from a residual one shaft, based on predetermined powers input to and output from any two shafts among said three shafts;

storage battery means for supplying and receiving an electrical energy required for inputting and outputting power to and from said motor; [and]

braking control means for controlling said engine and said motor, based on a charging state of said storage battery means, in order to enable a braking force to be applied to said drive shaft;

a second motor for inputting and outputting power to and from said drive shaft, in addition to said motor working as a first motor; and

charging state detection means for detecting the charging state of said storage battery means,

wherein said storage battery means comprises means for supplying and receiving an electrical energy required for inputting and outputting power to and from said second motor,

said braking control means comprising means for controlling said engine, said first motor, and said second motor, in order to enable a braking force to be applied to said drive shaft

[wherein said braking control means comprises means for controlling said engine, said first motor, and said second motor] based on the charging state of said storage battery means detected by said charging state detection means, thereby applying a braking force to said drive shaft.

11. (Twice Amended) A power output apparatus [in accordance with claim 10,] for outputting power to a drive shaft, said power output apparatus [further] comprising:

an engine having an output shaft;

a motor having a rotating shaft and inputting and outputting power to and from said rotating shaft;

three shaft-type power input/output means having three shafts, including the output shaft and the rotating shaft, respectively linking said engine and said drive shaft, said three shaft-type power input/output means inputting and outputting power to and from a residual one shaft, based on predetermined powers input to and output from any two shafts among said three shafts;

storage battery means for supplying and receiving an electrical energy required for inputting and outputting power and from said motor; [and]

braking control means for controlling said engine and said motor, based on a charging state of said storage battery means, in order to enable a braking force to be applied to said drive shaft;

a second motor for inputting and outputting power to and from said drive shaft, in addition to said motor working as a first motor;

driving state detection means for detecting a driving state of said drive shaft; and

braking-time driving state setting means for setting [the redetermined] a predetermined operating condition based on the driving state of said drive shaft detected by said driving state detection means,

wherein said storage battery means comprises means for supplying and receiving an electrical energy required for inputting and outputting power to and from said second motor,

said braking control means comprising means for controlling said engine, said first motor, and said second motor, in order to enable a braking force to be applied to said drive shaft, such that said second motor is enabled to apply a braking force to said drive shaft, while controlling said engine and said first motor in order to set a driving state of said engine to the predetermined operating condition.

16. (Amended) A power output apparatus [in accordance with claim 15], for outputting power to a drive shaft, said power output apparatus [further] comprising:

an engine having an output shaft;

a motor having a rotating shaft and inputting and outputting power to and from said rotating shaft;

three shaft-type power input/output means having three shafts, including the output shaft and the rotating shaft, respectively linking said engine and said drive shaft, said three shaft-type power input/output means inputting and outputting power to and from a residual one shaft, based on predetermined powers input to and output from any two shafts among said three shafts;

storage battery means for supplying and receiving an electrical energy required for inputting and outputting power to and from said motor; [and]

braking control means for controlling said engine and said motor, based on a charging state of said storage battery means, in order to enable a braking force to be applied to said drive shaft;

a second motor for inputting and outputting power to and from said output shaft of said engine, in addition to said motor working as a first motor; and

charging state detection means for detecting the charging state of said storage battery means,

wherein said storage battery means comprises means for supplying and receiving an electrical energy required for inputting and outputting power to and from said second motor;

said braking control means comprising means for controlling said engine, said first motor, and said second motor, in order to enable a braking force to be applied to said drive shaft [wherein said braking control means comprises means for controlling said engine, said first motor, and said second motor] based on the charging state of said storage battery means detected by said charging state detection means.